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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 12, 1943.

Mr. D. S. Myer, Director,
War Relocation Authority,
Barr Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Myer:

As regards Paul Haruo Kusuda, now at Block 32-3-3, Manzanar California. This young man is a student of mine at this college, and I have known him very intimately for three years. He was a leader in the Americanization work among the Japanese at this school, and I have no hesitation in saying that I would trust him with anything I had. He is very intelligent, steady, and without bad habits. His grades are not exceptional, but they are no measure of his ability. He is not only American in his habits, friends and sympathies; he is among the few Nisei among our students who were willing to make themselves unpopular with certain elements among the Japanese by publicly stating and advocating his American sympathy. In Manzanar he has been threatened with physical violence because of his pro-American stand. On the other hand, he is not a fanatic nor a boot-licker, but is generally respected by both his Caucasian and Nisei fellow-citizens. He is very adaptable, hard-working and trustworthy. I would like to recommend very strongly that he be allowed to go to work outside the restricted area.

Very sincerely yours,

O. D. Richardson

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Chairman, Department of English.

